Obituaries

Harry F. Foster, Jr.

Harry Franklin Foster, Jr., 50, formerly of Lake City, Fla., died Wednesday morning, June 11, in the Veterans Hospital in Salem.

Born in Lynchburg, he was a son of Gladys Mays Foster Hamlett and the late Harry F. Foster, Sr.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his stepfather, Franklin Y. Hamlett of Lynchburg; a sister, Frances F. Webb of Appomattox; a half-sister, Mrs. Carrol R. Martin of Rustburg; three half-brothers, Larry G. Hamlett of Poquoson, Douglas D. Hamlett of Drakes Branch and John W. Hamlett of Lynchburg.

Graveside services were conducted at 11-a.m. Friday in Fort Hill Memorial Park by the Rev. Charles Esterline.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Armstead Elliott

Armstead Elliott of Route 3, Lynchburg, departed this life Friday afternoon at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Campbell County, he was a son of Berta Turner Elliott and the late Charlie Elliott. He was the husband of Mrs. Josephine Elliott. He was a member of the Pilot Mt. Baptist Church, where he served on the deacon board.

In addition to his wife and mother he is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Berta Jenkins, Mrs. Virginia Franklin, Mrs. Doris Lovelace and Mrs. Tecora Smith, all of Lynchburg; two sons, Clarence Elliott and Wayne Elliott, both of Lynchburg; four brothers, Edwin Elliott, Willie Elliott and Floyd Elliott, all of Concord, and the Rev. Curtis Elliott of Spout Spring; four sisters, Mrs. Marion Scott of Concord, Mrs. Cassie Harvey and Mrs. Ester Garland, both of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Elsie Jones of Concord; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mildred Elliott of Lynchburg; four sons-in-law, Warren Jenkins, Leyman Franklin, Henry Lovelace and Samuel Smith, all of Lynchburg; four sisters-in-law; brothers-in-law; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Pilot Mt. Baptist Church with L. E. Hankins officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Carl B. Hutcherson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Vernon B. Goff

Vernon Burton Goff, 66, of 666 Leesville Road, Lynchburg, died Friday in Virginia Baptist Hospital after a long illness. He was the husband of Elcie Cook Goff.

Born in Campbell County, he was a son of Glover D. Goff and Elgie Love Mills Goff. He was the retired owner of Goff Electrical Co. and was retired from the U.S. Navy after 32 years. He was a member of Timberlake Baptist Church, past president of American Legion Post 16, and a member of Moose Lodge 715.

He is survived by his wife; four daughters, Mrs. Robert R. (Nancy Carroll) Holmberg of Rustburg, Mrs. James A. (Linda Jean) Longhorne of Fairfax, Miss Susan Irene Goff of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Leonard E. (Mary Ellen) Norbert III of Lynchburg; four brothers, Samuel Arthur Goff of Lynchburg, William W. Goff of Rustburg, Daniel Glover Goff Jr. of Rustburg and David Earl Goff of Evington; five sisters, Mrs. Louise Mann and Mrs. Thelma Sullivan, both of Rustburg, Mrs. Margaret Caldwell of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Dorothy Gobble of Appomattox and Mrs. Florence Cooper of Portland, Ore., and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Monday in Virginia Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Paul A. Hatmacher. Burial was in Fort Hill Memorial Park with full military honors.

Virginia Funeral was in charge of arrangements.

Thomas J. Hodges

EVERGREEN-Thomas Jefferson Hodges, 76, of Evergreen died at 3:10 p.m. Monday in Guggenheimer Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Ruby Mae Hodges.

Born in Charlotte County, he was the son of the late Henry Thomas Hodges and Lessie Garrett Hodges. He was a member of Evergreen Baptist Church and a retired farmer.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Henry Lawrence Hodges of Pamplin and William T. Hodges of Evergreen; four daughters, Mrs. Curtis Morris of Richmond, Mrs. Perry D. Mobley of Appomattox, Mrs. David T. Garrett and Mrs. David Phillips, both of Evergreen; three sisters, Mrs. Lennie Womack of Farmville, Mrs. Carrie St. John of Lynchburg and Mrs. Julian White of Rustburg, 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Evergreen Baptist Church by the Rev. Edmund Terry. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

E. T. Layne, Sr.

Emmett Taylor Layne Sr., 79, of Route 4, Appomattox, died Wednesday night, June 11, 1980, in Lynchburg General Hospital. His wife is Nannie Louise Cumbie Layne.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Eddie Lewis Layne and Mildred Durrum. He was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church. He was a retired state highway employee.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, E. T. Layne, Jr. and Ted Layne, both of Appomattox; two daughters, Mrs. Lucy Trent Price and Mrs. Barbara Gowin, both of Appomattox; two sisters, Mrs. E. T. Guill and Mrs. Howard Blanks, both of Appomattox; eight grandchildren, a stepgrandson, three great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at Robinson Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Friday with burial in Liberty Cemetery.

Mrs. Willie Parker

Violet Wright Parker, 77, of 329 St. Augustine St., Lynchburg, died at 10:30 p.m. Sunday in Medical Care Center following a short illness. She was the wife of the late Willie Parker.

Born in Amherst County, she was a daughter of the late Edward Jackson and Nannie Akers Wright.

Survivors include two sons, William H. Parker and J. Leroy Parker, both of Lynchburg; a daughter, Nannie P. Reynolds of Madison Heights; a brother, G. R. Wright of Appomattox; two sisters, Bessie W. Harding of Lynchburg and Nannie W. Seay of Appomattox; nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Whitten Timberlake Chapel by the Rev. Jack L. Brooks. Burial was in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Samuel J. Riley

Samuel Jackson Riley, 71, of 2342 Dewitt St., Lynchburg, died at 5:15 p.m. Friday at his home after a long illness. His wife is Elizabeth Mann Riley.

Born in Campbell County, he was a son of the late Samuel F. Riley and Susan Reynolds Riley. He was a retired employee of Consolidated Textile Corp. and was a member of New Chapel Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, James L. Riley of Evington and Ervin D. Riley of Lynchburg; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Brooks of Lynchburg and Mrs. Sarah Cash of Evington; three brothers, Richard J. Riley of Rural Retreat, Johnny Riley and W. T. Riley, both of Rustburg; three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Layne of Gladys, Mrs. Lola Krantz of Concord and Mrs. Nellie Austin of Appomattox; 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Monday at New Chapel Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Horace Tweedy

Mary Franklin Tweedy, of Route 1, Concord, departed this life Saturday at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Campbell County, she was a daughter of the late Boss Harvey and the late Angie Franklin. Her husband was the late Horace Tweedy.

She is survived by seven sons, Warren Franklin of Madison Heights, Elbert Franklin of Lynchburg, Horace Tweedy Jr., Clayton Tweedy and Charlton Tweedy, all of Concord, Louis Tweedy and John Tweedy both of Baltimore; two daughters, Mrs. Angie Morris of Madison Heights and Mrs. Mary Tweedy of Baltimore; two brothers, Willie Franklin of Rustburg and Earl Franklin of Concord; two sisters, Mrs. Erma Jones of Virginia Beach and Mrs. Jane Hamlett of Concord.

She is survived by many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday from Pilot Mountain Baptist Church, Concord, by the Rev. L. E. Hankins. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Community Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Madrigals are picked

Madrigal singers for 1980-81 at Appomattox County High School have been elected, according to Shelby Shelton, choral director at the high school.

Those elected to the elite vocal club are: Donna Elder, Darlene Howard, Angela Branch, Lisa Rogers, Leigh Duncan, Lisa Mann, Terri Nash, Lori Wooten, Allen Hamlett, Buddy Allen, Tommy Robinson, Dean Hamilton, Todd Scruggs, Chris Dunnam, Bobby Booker, and John Booker.

Gospel singers plan anniversary

The Holiness Gospel Singers of Pamplin, Va., will be celebrating their 21st Anniversary Sunday, June 22 at 7 p.m. in the White Oak Grove Baptist Church in Phenix, Va.

Guest groups will include the Golden Trumpeteers of Appomattox, the Gospel Quintet of Pamplin, Silvertone of Prospect, The Gospel Crowns of Naruna, the Heavenly Gospel of Cullen, Clouds of Joy from Monroe, and special guest, the Rev. Curtis Elliott, master of ceremonies.

Pleasant Grove slates homecoming services

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church will hold homecoming services Sunday, June 22 at 11 a.m., with lunch to follow.

Revival services will be held nightly starting at 7:30 p.m. June 23 through June 27.

The Rev. Jesse Chance of Arvon Baptist Church in Arvonia, Va., will be the guest speaker.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Bethel UMC

Church celebrates 100

Bethel United Methodist Church celebrated it's one hundredth year of organization on May 25.

The day began with the ten o'clock worship service conducted by the pastor, Rev. James M. Becker.

This service was followed by the Sunday School hour with the present superintendent, J. Lyle Moore in charge. Then, despite the light showers of rain, a large crowd enjoyed a bountiful lunch provided under the large trees on the church lawn.

Following lunch all assembled in the sanctuary where a former pastor, Rev. Floyd J. Wingfield, Sr. was the speaker. Rev. Wingfield spoke of the times when he was pastor at Bethel Church and of the changing times in the world today. Also, adding to the service were the two special music groups from Hebron Baptist Church and the Elim Assembly of God Church. Their messages in song were enjoyed by all.

In late afternoon, with more than one hundred names added to the list in atendance, all departed their different ways. All agreed the day was a blessing with worship together of friends, family and loved ones.

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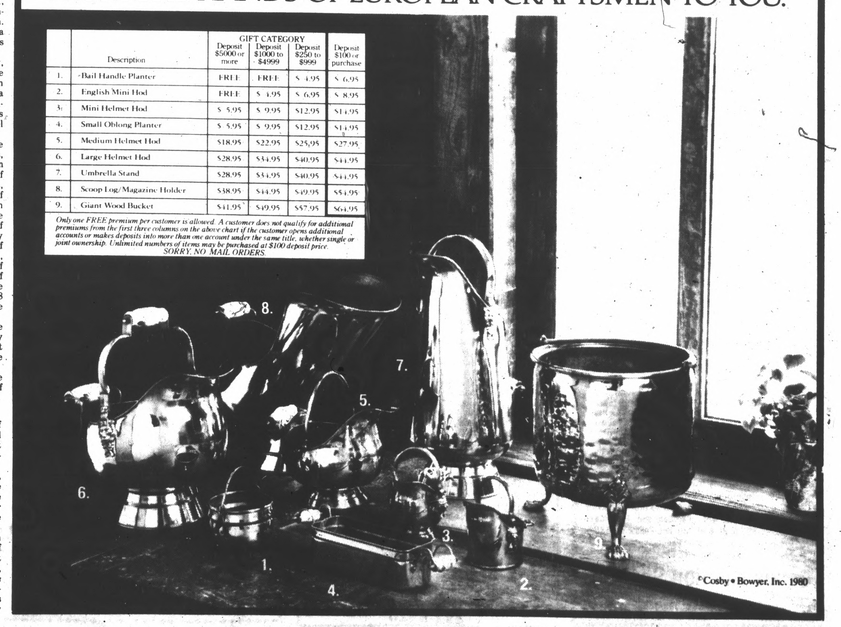

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Britton will remain

Appomattox Town Manager Bill Britton announced this week that he would not accept a job offer as County Administrator of Prince Edward County.

Britton was notified about the opening in May, and had been in negotiation with the Prince Edward Board of Supervisors since the beginning of this month.

"They offered me more money than I'm getting in Appomattox," he said, "but the stability here is greater, and the compassion of the people in Appomattox had a great deal to do with my decision."

Britton noted that the town council and county board of supervisors had supported him and asked him to consider staying in Appomattox.

"The people of Appomattox made me aware that they think things are going well here, and that they are pleased with the job I've been doing," Britton added. "When a public administrator feels that he may not be doing what his constituents want, then he has to consider moving on. I found that the people of Appomattox like the efforts I have made as town manager."

Britton, a 1971 graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University with a B.S. degree in public administration, was hired as town manager in December of 1976.

Along with his regular duties as town manager, the Charlottesville native serves as treasurer for the town, town building official, town zoning and subdivision administrator, special projects assistant to the County Board of Supervisors, county fire marshall, and emergency and energy services coordinator for the county. He also serves on numerous boards and commissions for the town and county. He counts as one of his "most enjoyed titles" that of "town clown" for the annual Railroad Festival.

Britton said he is "looking forward to working with the Appomattox community in many, many ways in the future....It sure is nice to be a part of the depot."

Man arrested in shooting spree

An Appomattox man was in custody this week following an early morning shooting incident and high-speed chase Thursday.

Police say Kenneth Charles Huff, 25, was arrested after the car he was driving crashed on Route 727 near the Appomattox County High School baseball field.

Huff was being pursued by town patrolman Lynn Allen Smith in connection with two shotgun blasts fired at the home of Commonwealth Attorney W. S. Kerr. According to Appomattox County Sheriff Gene Richardson, Smith had been dispatched to intercept Huff after the police had received a call about 4 a.m. notifying the police that Huff was leaving home with a shotgun.

Smith was in the vicinity of Huff's vehicle when he heard two gun shots. He then saw Huff's vehicle leaving the driveway of Kerr's home on Church Street.

Smith pursued the suspect's vehicle over secondary roads until it crashed on Route 727.

Richardson says a shotgun and two spent shotgun shells were found in Huff's vehicle. He was taken to Lynchburg General Hospital after the accident, then released to the County Sheriff's Department Saturday. No one in Kerr's home was injured.

Huff has been charged by police with firing a weapon at an occupied dwelling, cursing and abusing a police officer by telephone, and using a firearm in the commission of a felony, according to Richardson.

He was being held in the Charlotte County jail for violation of parole, and was scheduled to appear for arraignment in general district court yesterday (Wednesday).

Richardson said Huff's vehicle received extensive damage in the accident and "may be a total loss." He said there was minor damage to Kerr's home, limited to some chipped bricks.

Richardson added that further charges against Huff are pending additional investigation.

ISABELLE COLEMAN AND LOUISE PLUNKETT display the original Appomattox County flag, which was made by Mrs. Coleman. The Appomattox town home demonstration club is currently seeking donations to have three of the flags made, in order that the county colors may be flown at the courthouse. See story, page 8

RAYMOND AND NANCY DICKERSON'S Pamplin Clay Pipe Factory museum has been placed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and most likely will be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The structure at left in the photo above is the original brick kiln used in the pipe-making process.

Dream is reality for 'pipe man'

By BILL SHERROD

Raymond Dickerson's 14-year-old dream became a reality last week.

Dickerson, known locally as the "Pipe Man," received word that his Pamplin Clay Pipe Factory museum has been put on the Virginia Landmarks Register, and that the state Historic Landmarks Commission has endorsed the museum's nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

The recognition which Dickerson pursued so diligently for his clay-pipe factory museum did not come easy. Many museums across the nation are candidates for the Historic Register. "The people at the Historic Landmarks Commission were at one point, the Pamplin factory was the largest industry of its type in the nation, and possibly in the world.

have been an obsession for Dickerson since 1964. He has written a book about the art of clay pipe manufacture, questioned hundreds of Pamplin-area residents about the Pamplin clay pipe, and studiously researched archives and literature about the clay pipe.

The Pamplin clay pipe factory was in full operation from 1879 until 1951, producing at its peak as many as a million pipes per month. The original factory was built by an Ohio firm specializing in pipes. The Pamplin location was chosen because the clay in that area was ideal for making pipes.

Archeologists have determined that

not very encouraging," he notes. "In fact, it was almost as if they wanted to discourage anyone from seeking recognition through the historic register."

But Dickerson was persistent. He wrote letters, made phone calls, and when his letters or calls were not answered, he wrote more letters and made more phone calls.

"I felt that the museum should stand on its own merit: All I wanted was a fair shake," he says. If they took an honest look at it and decided that it did not merit being placed on the historic register, then fine. All I was asking was that they take an honest look at it."

Clay smoking pipes and their history

Researchers know that pipe manufacture existed as a "cottage industry," or home industry, long before the pipe factory was built, and possibly as far back as the early 1700s. There is also some evidence that a clay pipe factory existed on the Dickerson property before 1879, but lack of records due to a fire at the county courthouse during that period of time has made this supposition difficult to substantiate.

Dickerson and his wife, Nancy decided that the Pamplin clay pipe factory, falling into disrepair by the 1970s, was a piece of Southside Virginia history which should be preserved. Thus, in 1976, they purchased the property from Charlie Ranson, and began restoring the structures which had once housed the largest manufacturer of clay pipes in the United States.

It wasn't easy. Dickerson recalls fighting rats and snakes, vandals, and jungle-like weeds that had cropped up around the factory since the business had closed down.

But the Dickersons' perserverance was greater than the forces of nature, and in July of 1978 the museum opened.

The original kiln, which in its heyday could hold as many as 200,000 clay pipes at one time, still stands on the museum grounds. The kiln's chimney fell several years ago after continued abuse by vandals and Mother Nature.

"I'm hoping to restore the chimney," says Dickerson. There is a chance that the property will be eligible for federal funding assistance if its nomination to the National Register of Historic Places is approved, Dickerson hopes that he will be able to get some of this money to restore the chimney.

Other than the possibility of federal funding to help restore the chimney, the most important thing about the historic landmarks designation to Dickerson is the recognition for Pamplin.

"Pamplin is a lovely place," says Dickerson. "But in the last part of this century, it's dried up. "There's so much history wrapped up in this town and in these clay pipes, history that involves the whole country; and the whole world. Something like that should be preserved, and hopefully in preserving it, we can contribute to the preservation of Pamplin."

Mayor asks water conservation

Appomattox town citizens are being asked by town officials to conserve water as a precautionary measure to prevent a water shortage later this summer if the current dry spell continues.

Town Manager Bill Britton said Tuesday that Mayor Ronnie Spiggle "has not declared a state of emergency, but is requesting all citizens to voluntarily conserve water by not watering lawns, washing cars, and eliminating other uses that are not essential."

Britton said the effects of the pending drought will not be felt on the town water system for approximately two months.

"We're trying to take precautionary measures to prevent a state of emergency in August or September, if the drought should continue," he noted.

"Citizens should understand that we are currently on a well system and do not have standy-by or extra wells at this time," he continued. "The town is working to discover new sources of water locally. At this time, we need help to conserve the water that we have on hand."

Britton said that any questions about the water situation should be directed to him at the town office.

Tobacco production down in '79

Virginia farmers produced 109,603,000 pounds of tobacco last year, 25,554,000 pounds less than the previous year, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) May 9 crop production report.

Valued at $152,979,000, the 1979 tobacco crop was harvested from 67,240 acres with an average yield of 1,630 pounds per acre. Farmers in the State intend to harvest 72,800 acres of tobacco in 1980.

Last year's tobacco production brought farmers an average price of 139.60 cents per pound for their crop, compared with 130.60 cents per pound for the 73,130 acre 1978 crop.

Tobacco production in the U. S. totaled about 1.53 billion pounds in 1979, 24 percent less than in 1978 and the smallest crop grown since 1943. The tobacco crop was harvested from 826,000 acres with an average yield of 1,853 pounds per acre.

According to the USDA report, the acreage reduction mainly resulted from reduced poundage quotas in both flue-cured and burley types. Excess water, blue mold damage and the use of a herbicide contaminated fertilizer in the Carolinas also contributed to the reduced harvested acreage.

The national total includes 945 million pounds of flue-cured tobacco, 446 million pounds of burley, 45 million pounds of fire-cured, 26.4 million pounds of Southern Maryland, 16.7 million pounds of dark air-cured, 19.6 million pounds of cigar-filler, 28.5 million pounds of cigar binder and 4 million pounds of cigar wrapper tobacco.

U. S. tobacco growers plan to harvest 930,000 acres of tobacco during 1980, 12 percent more than the acreage harvested last year.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

The official arrival of Summer took place Saturday morning, but there was no local celebration. Summer arrived in working gear and that means it was hot. And dry. More conversation about the general dry condition than about the heat. Experience tells us that we can expect some dry spells in July and August, but it is running early this year. It is claimed that growing plants send roots deeper in a dry spell, thus to thwart a midsummer drought. To hose or not to hose, that's the question. I have been grateful for morning dew, but there wasn't any this morning (Monday). But plenty of gnats. Every trip to my garden area brings on attacks by teams of gnats. They should go to the Moscow Olympics. Champs at the nose dive and the swan dive and super champs at fencing.

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A Stillness at Appomattox. That was Saturday, a day when lawnmowers usually break the silence. Quietest week-end of the season, for grass did not need trimming. Instead I caused some disarray of honeysuckle and cleaned up around my fig bush. Then went and got a haircut. Wasn't much growth there either. Just call it a recession or an interlude in the growth cycle. How is it with you? Tomatoes anyone?

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It does not help to read that jellyfish and stinging nettles are swarming in Chesapeake Bay. Bright note . . . they will miss Holiday Lake and farm ponds.

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Air-conditioning is nice, but even a hand fan helps.

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History note: the first capitol of Maryland was St. Mary's City, 1634. English settlers arrived in two ships, the Ark and the Dove.

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Rare coincidence. I was reading "A Walk Across America" by Peter Jenkins, a most interesting story of travel experiences, loaned me by a friend. Also had on TV. One of the "talk" programs came on and the host had a guest for an interview. Turned out to be Peter Jenkins and the very book I was reading!

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Local action: committees and individuals are working on plans for the fall Appomattox Railroad Festival. And congratulations on a nice coat of fresh red paint on fire hydrants. And there has been a lot of individual effort to "Clean-Up and Paint-Up."

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Overworked phrase: If we can send a man to the moon, how come we can't.....?"

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Someone classified automobile noises into six groups. Squeak, scrape, grind, rattle, thump, and knock. Ah yes, but the automobile noise I prefer is PURR.

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One of the top bargains available is a Classified Ad in your local newspaper. Try it.

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Barbershop incident: A fine young man was waiting while I was getting a haircut. Someone asked me to guess the young man's age. I looked him over and said "Fourteen." Exactly right. I asked the young man to guess my age and he very graciously guessed me to be four years younger than I am. I predict a great future for this friend!

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Thanks for reading and keep Appomattox A Growing Town.

School rules announced

Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools in Appomattox County, last week announced entry requirements for students entering school for the first time in the 1980-81 academic year.

"No pupil shall be admitted for the first time to any public kindergarten or elementary school in a school division," he said, "unless such pupil shall furnish, prior to admission, a report from a qualified licensed physician of a comprehensive physical examination and a certificate from a licensed physician that such pupil has been successfully immunized against communicable diseases or has received at least the first series of all vaccinations required."

Walton noted that this is a part of the code of Virginia, 22.1-270.

Walton said the Appomattox County School Board will adhere to this law, and requested that all parents who will have children entering the school division at the beginning of the 1980-81 session begin immediately to meet the requirements of the law.

For additional information, parents should call the school board office at 352-8215.

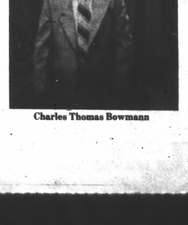
New principal at AES

Charles Thomas Bowmann will become principal of Appomattox Elementary School on July 1. He will be moving to this area from his native county of Accomack.

Mr. Bowmann received his elementary and secondary education in Accomack County Public Schools. A Bachelor of Arts degree was received from Virginia Wesleyan College and a Master of Education degree was earned from Salisbury State College, Salisbury, Maryland.

This educator has six years experience in elementary education. For five years he taught at the elementary level and coordinated a program for gifted and talented students. During the past year he served as assistant principal of South Accomack Elementary School.

The new principal is excited about moving with his wife, Brenda, and their young child to Appomattox. "I am impressed by the educational program in this division and I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to become part of Appomattox Elementary School," he said. "Working together cooperatively with teachers, parents, and the school board to provide the most effective educational program for the pupils who attend the school will be one of my goals," he continued.



Charles Thomas Bowmann